

## ASPIRATION METHOD

### Abstract of the Disclosure

5 A method for the treatment of a stenosis or an occlusion in a blood vessel in  
which an occlusive device is first delivered and activated at a site distal to the  
occlusion to at least partially occlude the vessel. A therapy catheter is then introduced  
to treat the occlusion and a debris removal device is delivered to aspirate debris from  
the vessel. The present invention eliminates the need for a separate irrigation catheter  
and irrigation fluid which allows the procedure to be performed quickly and  
efficiently, and is especially useful in the removal of occlusion from saphenous vein  
10 grafts, the coronary and carotid arteries, arteries above the aortic arch and vessels of  
similar size and pressure.

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